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To: [RulemakingComments Resource](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] RE: Additional Comments - Requirements for Indefinite Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel (NRC-2018-0017)
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Dear NRC:

Nuclear waste disposal is virtually out of control and I recommend that NRC exert their rights to be the decision-makers on this matter. Even if the decisions are to be ratified by DoEnergy and Congress to respond to regulatory legislation, never-the-less NRC must take the lead with reasoned advice based on global and national experience with nuclear wastes.

I continue to support my earlier submission of April 3, 2018 and wish to add current notes to suggest that this whole matter of dealing with nuclear wastes is spinning out of control (like a nuclear fission event gone bad). I suggest that NRC should take the lead to bring matters into focus, and propose ways of dealing with them!

I was contacted by Mimi Walters' office yesterday to follow up on my note to Greg Walden to expedite cleanup at SONGS. Walters has a bill in the works 'Nuclear Waste Policy Amendment Act' This **should** be considered alongside Shimkus' HR3053. There is some commonality. **NRC should rationalize these political initiatives.**

Background ...

DoEnergy is politically driven, **transitory** and **have allowed**, if not **generated**, the problems SONGS is facing. They should take advice from **NRC** who, I assume, have greater experience and professional chops for dealing with nuclear waste problem.

Wastes are at highest level when removed from radiation-protecting structures and apparatus. **Time** is of the essence for removal and safe storage. We are faced with high **costs** and government **sloth, and normal contractor problems.**

Radioactive emission levels should be **quantified**. Their dispersal should be defined in terms of human **risk.**

I would be glad to have an opportunity to defend my assertions, answer any questions and provide more backup materials.

Respectfully,

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